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DIVIDEND NOTICES

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

DIVIDEND NO. 29
A quarterly dividend of two and one-half cents (two dollars and fifty cents per share), and an extra dividend of one-half of one cent (fifty cents per share), on the Company's capital stock have been declared, payable on April 15, 1919, to stockholders of record at the close of business Friday, March 15, 1919.

JOHN W. DAMON, Treasurer.
AMERICAN CAR AND FOUNDRY CO.
New York, March 3, 1919.
PREFERRED CAPITAL STOCK
DIVIDEND NO. 49
A dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (one dollar and seventy-five cents per share), on the Preferred Stock of this Company, has been declared, payable on Thursday, April 11, 1919, to stockholders of record at the close of business Friday, March 15, 1919.

Trust will be mailed by the Guaranty Trust Company, New York.
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FINANCIAL MEETINGS

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the Home Office of the Company, 30 West 42nd St., New York City, on Monday, March 18, 1919, at 11 o'clock A. M.

No share of stock can be voted at this meeting which has been transferred within thirty days preceding the meeting. The transfer books of the Company will not be closed.

J. H. THOMPSON, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., February 18, 1919.

FINANCIAL MEETINGS

Chicago and North Western

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company will be held at the office of the Company, 224 West Jackson Building, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, April 4, 1919, at 11 o'clock A. M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Transfer books will be closed on Friday, March 15, 1919, at the close of business on that day, and will be reopened on Wednesday, April 3, 1919.

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CHICAGO, SAINT PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA RAILWAY COMPANY

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Wealth—Markets—Investments

Finance - Economics

The decided rise yesterday in the railroad shares and steel stocks helped to create a better feeling about the market. The most spectacular rises were still in special issues, and the same industries, motor, oil, tobacco, were favored as they have been favored for the past three weeks. About a fortnight ago it was frequently pointed out that the rise had all been in specialties. The inference drawn was that a market in specialties is always a professional market. But it is a mistake to judge a market without reference to industry. For the stocks which were rising were the stocks of industries over which hung the least uncertainty. Now even the stocks of "uncertain" industries, the railroads and the steel companies, are rising.

The London stock market has not taken the same turn as ours. The average price of 387 British securities fell 0.7 per cent during February, according to the compilation by "The Bankers' Magazine." That compares with a decline of 0.3 per cent in January. Previous to December the London market had risen for several months.

The copper folk are very bullish about the steel industry. They have reduced the price of their metal from 26 cents to 15 cents. The porphyry companies used to be considered low cost producers in normal times, but in their last reports it cost them 17 to 20 cents a pound to turn out copper, and now they offer it at 15 cents, and nobody wants it, and their export market, upon which they used to depend to sell at least two-thirds of their product, is all disorganized and uncertain, and they have an accumulated supply, even if it is counted at only 600,000 or 700,000 pounds, sufficient to last consumers for six or seven months at a pre-war rate of consumption, and the copper companies are working at only 40 per cent capacity, and some of them are thinking of closing down altogether. The steel industry has expanded 40 per cent during the war; it is now operating at 75 per cent capacity, and it has not reduced prices to speak of. If that wouldn't disgust a copper man, what would?

The man who spoke for the Governor of Arizona at the Washington conference says the copper industry of his state is "utterly demoralized." He says there is 1,000,000 pounds of surplus copper on the market, but omits to mention, or perhaps doesn't know, that there is always about half that amount in process, and called a "surplus." He says the withdrawal of the government's fixed price for the ore has added to the demoralization. The government never fixed a price for the metal. The figure of 26 cents was simply the highest at which the copper trade was allowed to sell. There was no law against selling for 15 cents if the trade had chosen, and no minimum guarantee, such as the government fixed for silver and wheat. The copper situation is bad. It is simply terrible. But it has this distinction in common with the steel trade: It is not as bad as some people paint it.

The bond bill has passed the Senate. It will be signed by the President. It allows the Secretary of the Treasury to fix the rate on the coming issue. Under the income tax schedule of 1917, a man having an income in excess of \$100,000, investing it in the 3-1/2 per cent Liberty bonds, received a return equivalent to 5.02 per cent on taxable securities, and so on up, so that if the man's income were in excess of \$2,000,000 a year his income return on the bonds was equivalent to 9.21 per cent. These figures were based on the assumption that the income tax schedule would remain as high during the life of the bonds, which was not likely; but the exemption provided sufficient inducement to cause Mr. Otto Kahn to ask whether it would not lead to heavy selling of other securities in order to buy these bonds, whether it would not bring about "liquidation, severe shrinkage in values and more or less pronounced demoralization of the investment market." That his fears were not utterly without ground was shown by the heavily declining markets of 1917.

The new issue presents serious possibilities. A 3-1/2 per cent tax-free issue now yields, under the present income tax schedule, 9.73 per cent to the person with an income of \$100,000 or over, up to 15.20 per cent for one with an income over \$1,000,000; and if the rate of the new tax-free notes be fixed at 4 per cent, the \$100,000 man will get 11.10 per cent on his money and the \$1,000,000 man 17.40 per cent. And as the new government notes will mature in five years or less, the period for which they will run will cover the period of highest taxes. That will provide an even greater inducement to take them than was provided by the 3-1/2 per cent bonds, which run from fifteen to thirty years. It will

Money and Credit

Discount Rates.—The following table gives the current rates of the twelve Federal Reserve banks on commercial paper for all periods up to ninety days:

Surplus After Charges Is \$11,306,993 — Half of 1918 Compensation Yet To Be Paid by the U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—The seventy-second annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad covers the year 1918, during all of which period the company's lines were under Federal control. The figures of the income account are of little value for comparison, because of the changed conditions. The compensation accrued under the Federal lease covers lines leased and operated west of Pittsburgh, as well as lines east. Formerly statements embraced returns only from lines east.

Emphasis must be put upon the word "accrued," as it appears that the government has not paid one-half of the rentals for 1918. The accrued rentals are \$65,992,730, but of this sum only \$31,296,000 has been received by the company, leaving still due \$34,696,730. The income account proceeds as if the rental were in hand, being as follows:

Compensation accrued	565,992,730	Income
Operating income	25,697,727	\$2,494,023
Gross income	25,697,727	25,697,727
Rentals, taxes, interest	44,295,003	23,696,220
Total income	44,295,003	49,393,947
Dividends and stock	14,328,395	14,328,395
Total profit and loss	11,306,993	11,306,993

Surplus Carried Over

Beginning with the first year of Mr. Cassatt's administration and up to the year 1917, it had been the custom for the Pennsylvania Railroad to dispose of surplus income over dividend and sinking fund requirements by making liberal appropriations for improvements, betterment and construction. For 1918, however, no deduction of this sort is made, as it is incumbent upon the government, as lessee, to maintain the property.

Samuel P. Ban, president of the company, in his report to stockholders, states that "it is not possible to report at this time the final results and statistics of the operation and maintenance of the railroad and properties under Federal control, but in accordance with the terms of its contract your company will later obtain full information, so that it may be available for the stockholders, and preserve the continuity of statistics and information heretofore compiled."

During the year the company disposed of 1,134,000 shares of its holding in the stock of the Southern Pacific Company, and the proceeds were devoted to defray corporate obligations.

Urges Capital Increase

"The directors have authority from the stockholders to increase the indebtedness of the company in the sum of \$4,000,000, but this is not sufficient to meet such requirements as the stockholders have been requested, in accordance with notice already given, to approve of an increase of indebtedness to the extent of \$2,000,000, and for the purpose of effecting such increase the issue of general mortgage bonds or other obligation of the company is urged. The directors are of the opinion that the best interests of the company, if approved by the board of directors, will be best served by the issue of mortgage bonds or other obligation of the company, in the sum of \$4,000,000, and for the purpose of effecting such increase the issue of general mortgage bonds or other obligation of the company is urged. 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